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A message from Gerry Adams

Sinn Féin has been central to the creation of the present peace process. Our party believes that national democracy is the basis for lasting peace. We seek an Ireland free from British government interference, with our people working out our future for ourselves. In the words of Bobby Sands, "everyone has a part to play, no part is too great or too small" in the building of a new Ireland. You can play your part by joining Sinn Féin.

Bígí linn ar son na síochána agus ar son na saoirse.

Is mise,
Gerry Adams,
Uachtarán Shinn Féin

Sinn Féin's aim is the unity of Ireland as a 32-county republic. We believe that a democratic socialist republic based on the principles outlined in the 1916 Proclamation and the Democratic Programme of the First Dáil would be the best guarantee of justice and equality for all our people.

Membership of Sinn Féin is open to men and women over the age of 16. We are organised throughout the 32 counties and are active on all the political issues, locally and nationally, that effect people's lives. You can join your local cumann (branch) or affiliate directly to our Women's, Trade Union or Culture Departments.

If you would like to join Sinn Féin or to find out more about our policies please fill in this form and send it to Sinn Féin, 44 Cearnóg Pharnell, Baile Atha Cliath 1.

I wish to apply to join Sinn Féin ☐ I would like more information ☐

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BUILDING A NEW UNITED IRELAND

The prospects for lasting peace in Ireland have never looked brighter in the past 25 years than they do today. An end to the long war, a negotiated settlement and reconciliation between our people is the sincere desire of all democrats.

The political logjam in the Six Counties was broken in 1993 by the talks between Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams and SDLP leader John Hume, by the Irish Peace Initiative which arose from those discussions and by the IRA's decision announced on 31 August 1994 to cease all military operations.

The peace process which Sinn Féin has played such a central part in bringing about is not just about the Six Counties. It is about the future of the people of all of Ireland.

A negotiated settlement in which the Irish people work out our future — free from the interference of the British government — will be the guarantee of lasting peace. It would allow us to create a new Ireland where, with the ancient problem of Britain's denial of Irish unity and independence resolved, we could get down to solving the many social and economic problems we face.

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Irish unity will benefit us all:

As well as ending the loss of life and injury, lasting peace will give a renewed impetus to the political, social and economic development of Ireland. The current huge economic cost of the conflict would be removed and new opportunities for economic development would open up.

In a united Ireland, the enormous cost of partition and a divided economy would be no more. Along the border region — a sizeable section of the country — a social and economic barrier of over 70 years would be lifted.

Unity would open the way for increased trade and would boost employment. It would allow us to devote all our energies to solving the biggest economic problem we face — the unemployment crisis, which sees over 450,000 people without work in the 32 counties.

In 1993, the Dublin government spent twice as much on guarding the border than the IDA did on job creation. This is just one example of money would be available as part of the "peace dividend".

Justice and equality

A negotiated political settlement and a new Ireland must be built on justice and equality. For example, there has to be an end to all repressive legislation such as Britain's Prevention of Terrorism Act and Emergency Provisions Act.

In the 26 Counties, laws such as the Offences Against the State Act which breach civil liberties should be repealed. We need a Freedom of Information Act.

Sinn Féin believes that a new Ireland will require a new constitution for the whole 32 counties and a Bill of Rights to guarantee human and civil rights. This must include full social, economic and political equality between women and men.

Equality must be the foundation stone of a united Ireland. There has to be equal respect for every political and religious persuasion and the complete separation of church and state.

Share the benefits

The economic benefits of lasting peace and Irish unity will be wasted if they are not justly distributed. Those parts of our country most in need must feel the benefit — deprived inner cities and areas of high unemployment, the border region, rural regions blighted by emigration.

More power must be given to local communities to decide how money is spent in their areas. Wealth created in Ireland should be used in our country for social benefit to create jobs, provide housing, better health and education services, and to protect our environment.